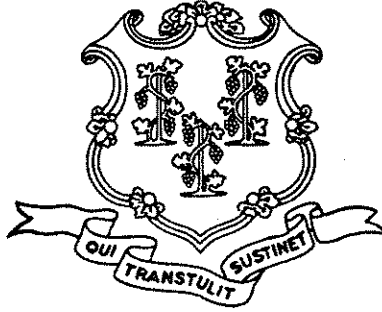


State of



Connecticut

By Her Excellency M. Jodi Rell, Governor: an

Official Statement

WHEREAS, Geography Awareness Week, held November 16-22, 2008, encourages geographic awareness in schools; and

WHEREAS, Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Day is an important part of Geography Awareness Week; and

WHEREAS, in 2008 GIS Day will be celebrated in more than 80 countries around the world; and

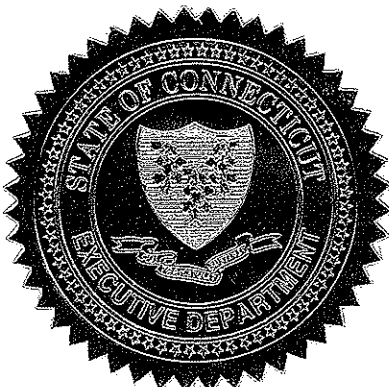
WHEREAS, GIS applications provide critical support for public and private organizations who use this essential technology to perform their work in public health, disaster response, environmental assessment, business efficiency, infrastructure management and education; and

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut Geospatial Information Systems Council works to enable the development of a coordinated GIS capacity across the state; and

WHEREAS, having a day of GIS activities open to students, citizens, and government leaders will help achieve greater awareness of the benefits of GIS; now

THEREFORE, I, M. Jodi Rell, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby officially proclaim November 19, 2008, as

GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS DAY
in the State of Connecticut.



M. Jodi Rell
Governor